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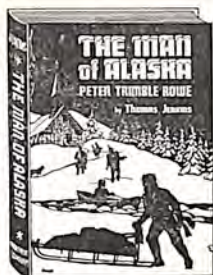
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BISHOP TSU

The Rt. Rev. Y. Y. Tsu, Ph.D., was elected by the House of Bishops of the Church in China to become Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Hong Kong, with oversight of the work of the Church in the Provinces of Yunnan and Kweichow. At much personal sacrifice he accepted the call and was consecrated on May 1, 1940. He is now carrying on this important work in Southwest China in the face of difficulties and dangers. The work in these Provinces, as pointed out by Bishop Hall, will have far-reaching effects on the fortunes of the Church in China, and it should receive full co-operation at this critical time from the Church in America, as well as from the Church in England.

Bishop Tsu was born in Shanghai, December 18, 1886. He is the son of the Rev. L. D. Tsu, one of the priests of the Diocese of Shanghai, who was for many years an assistant to Dr. F. L. H. Pott at St. John's University. After graduation from the college in 1905, he continued his studies in the theological school. As a student he displayed marked intellectual ability, but also took part in extra-curricular activities, was a good athlete, sang in the choir and glee club, and was editor of the college paper.

After his ordination by Bishop Graves in 1907, he spent the first year of his ministry in the Diocese of Shanghai, and then was sent to the United States for further study. He received his B.D. from the General Theological Seminary in 1909, his Ph.D. in the Social Sciences from Columbia University in 1912, and was advanced to the priesthood by Bishop Greer in 1912. Upon his return to China he joined the faculty of St. John's University as Pro-

fessor of Sociology and Chaplain of St. Mary's Hall.

He later returned to the United States to study on a fellowship awarded by Union Theological Seminary, New York, for the year 1920-21. He was General Secretary of the Chinese Student Christian Association in America, 1921-24. Before returning to China he was offered the position of Secretary of Religious and Social Work at Peking Union Medical College where he was stationed from 1924-1931. The following year he was Visiting Professor of Missions and Chinese Culture at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, and the General Theological Seminary.

The many religious organizations having their center in Shanghai



BISHOP Y. Y. TSU

called upon his time and services, and from 1932-34 he was a Secretary of the National Christian Council of China. In 1934 he was offered the position of General Secretary of the Council, but declined. From 1935-1939 he was Professor of Sociology at St. John's. When the call came to him to assist in the organization of the youth movement for the government he felt it was his duty to ask leave from the university to take part in this important work. During the first year of the hostilities between China and Japan he did useful service in inspiring the youth of China and training them to serve their country. From 1937-1938 he was Executive Secretary of the International Red Cross of Shanghai.

Diocesan News

Mrs. Elizabeth Louise McHenry, widow of the Rev. Edward James McHenry, late Rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter, died on October 15th, and was buried from Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel on October 18th.

The graduating class of Montgomery Hospital Nurses' Training School attended St. John's Church, Norristown, for their baccalaureate sermon, Sunday evening, October 3rd, preached by Dean Niblo.

Rev. George G. Bartlett, S.T.D., formerly Dean of the Philadelphia Divinity School, recently has been a patient in the Graduate Hospital.

The Rectory Club, for wives, sisters, daughters of clergy, held a meeting on November 9th at the Women's City Club, with Mrs. John E. Hill speaking on "Highlights of the General Convention." The next meeting will be held on February 8, 1944.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of St. Stephen's Church, Bridesburg, was celebrated with an anniversary service on Sunday, November 21st, when the preacher was the Rev. Charles H. Long, Secretary of the Diocese. A commemorative dinner was held on Wednesday, November 17th, with Bishop Hart as the speaker.

The Rev. Samuel Neal Kent, a retired priest of the Diocese, died at Daytona Beach, Florida, on Tuesday, November 2nd.

The Rev. John R. Huggins, Ph.D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Bridesburg, has been elected Secretary of the joint boards of the Philadelphia Divinity School.

The Rev. Henry J. Pulver, of All Souls' Church, Philadelphia, was elected President of the Conference of Church Workers Among the Deaf, at Columbus, Ohio, on October 10th.

Miss Julia Hill, former Chairman of the Junior Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese, is now serving as Office Secretary for the Woman's Auxiliary.

The Rev. Frederick A. Warden, whose resignation as rector of Christ Church, Ridley Park, took effect July 1st, is now much improved in health and has taken up his resi-

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The Church News

OBJECT 1. To promote Unity of Diocesan Life by disseminating news of the Diocese, its institutions, parishes and missions, and by printing letters and pastorals by the Bishop from time to time. 2. To promote the Missionary and Benevolent Work of the Diocese by publishing reports and appeals, and by recording current news and events.

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The Bishop's Christmas Message

A soldier writes, "I want to believe in God. I am ready to take Him as the Great Mathematician or Unlimited Power. But at present I see no sense or meaning in the Universe. The world is a dirty, cruel, muddled mess that grinds and crushes."

There are so many hard facts which support this soldier's attitude—and there are many who feel as he does. In such a world, we celebrate Christmas. We value it for family gatherings, and many of those gatherings will not be complete this year because our sons and daughters are away in the service of our country. We value Christmas for the spirit of good will and generosity which are manifested. These two qualities are so vitally needed in the conduct of world affairs. But above all we value Christmas because it teaches us the nature of God.

Christmas means that God's answer has been given and His purpose disclosed. Charles Kingley expressed it in a little Christmas verse,

*"God taught mankind on that
first Christmas Day,
What 'twas to be a man;
to give, not take;
To serve, not rule; to nour-
ish, not devour;
To help, not crush; if need,
to die, not live."*

We find it very difficult not to value a man's worth by the amount of deference and service which he commands from others. The Babe of Bethlehem teaches us that a man's worth lies in what he does for others.

When God chose to be born in human flesh, He came into this world as a worker. It was from the area of toil that Jesus drew His great conception of God, "As my Father has continued working to this hour,

I work too." We delight to define God in metaphysical terms. We speak of God as the One, the Infinite, the Absolute, the Eternal. We want to free our conception of God from all limiting and anthropomorphic ideas. One of the Church catechisms defines God in this manner,



"God is an Eternal spirit, infinite and unchangeable in His nature and attributes, who alone exists of Himself." Those terms may stimulate reflection. They may be helpful in hours of contemplation, but they do not suffice in hours of *great need and of great prayer*. The analogy of the worker is not complete. No analogy in reference to the Infinite can be complete. Yet the analogy that Jesus used of God as the worker not only stimulates our reflections, but it stirs our emotions. It is real even if it is limited. Philo of Alexandria caught this spirit when he said, "God never stops working, for

as it is the property of fire to burn and of snow to be cold, so of God to work."

That, my friends, is why we should be happy on this Christmas Day in spite of the conditions that exist in the world. Our hope, our real Christian hope, is not a surface thing. It is not something based on the tinsel of Christmas or the happiness of this Season. It is something with which you and I are not afraid to face facts. We can keep our shoulders to the wheel. We can keep giving our very best to make this a world fit to live in, because we are not building in our own little strength. We can give our best, because we build on those thoughts and conceptions of Jesus that God is the eternal, the tireless worker. Amidst all the despairing fog of uncertainty, confusion and hatred, this faith comes like a fresh breeze, giving us new hope and new courage and sending us out again on the highway of life in a great adventure with Christ.

Ask a congregation the direct question, "What do you believe?" and very frequently they will give you a stereotyped answer. But watch them and see how their minds move towards their beliefs and you will soon learn what the congregation really believes. Will the life of your parish convince the doubting soldiers—and all others—that Christmas expresses the meaning and purpose of all life? that

*God all bounteous, all creative
Whom no ills from good dissuade,
Is incarnate, and a native
Of the very world He made?*

Sincerely your Bishop,

Oliver Hart

A Merry Christmas and Peaceful New Year



Christmas in Church School and Home

In a world at war our celebration of Christmas cannot be "as usual." Even with children it will lack reality if we do not take into account the sufferings of the world. Christmas must be a deeply spiritual celebration, not just a matter of superficial experience. This does not mean that our Christmas observances are not to be joyful, but the joy must come from giving and working to extend throughout the world the rule of good will. It is important that our children take a real part in the planning of celebrations this Christmastide, instead of it all being done for them, so they will feel a part of the parish and be giving instead of just receiving.

Among the ways in which adults, young people, and children can share in making this Christmas a real festival of the Christ Child are:

1. Singing Christmas carols for shut-ins.
2. Carrying on the Christmas customs of other lands, and
3. Recognizing the contributions of each to our Christmas.
4. Making at home or in groups simple gifts and Christmas cards.
5. Include in parish plans for worship and fellowship those who might be forgotten or alone.
6. Remember members of the family who are away from home.
7. Take part in community plans for Christmas.
8. Make a creche for home or institution.
9. Make decorations that remind people of the story of Christmas, for hospitals, shut-ins, soldiers' hospitals, etc.
10. Have a play, pageant or carol service.
11. Give to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.

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- "The Little Shepherd Visits the Christ Child," by Ruth Hays. \$.20. A simple play for children under twelve.
- "The Nativity," by Rosamond Kimball. \$.35. A pageant with a reader. Easily adapted to a manger gift service.
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Advent Offering

Advent is a time of preparation and Bishop Hart has asked that the boys and girls of the Diocese give, through their Advent Offering, to a "preparation fund"—a fund created for the purpose of preparing for post-war work in our Diocese—so that immediate advantage can be taken of new opportunities resulting from the war. This fund is to be called The Bishop's Work Fund and will be used wherever opportunity knocks—for advance work.

Diocesan Youth Convention

The Annual Youth Convention of the Diocese will be held this year on Saturday, December 4th, in the Parish House of the Church of the Holy Trinity. Each parish has been asked to send two delegates, two others, and a youth adviser. Registration will start at 3:30 P. M., with the convention opening at 4:00 P. M. with a general meeting. Conferences, supper, worship, dancing and games will follow, keeping everyone busy until about 10:00 P. M. The speakers and leaders include the Rev. Frederick H. Arterton, Executive Secretary of the Youth Division of the National Council; the Rev. Peter C. Van der Hiel, Jr.; the Rev. John N. Peabody, Chairman of the Diocesan Youth Commission.

The theme of the convention will be "Know the Christ and Make Him Known," which is the objective of the United Movement of the Church's Youth. New materials and new programs will be explained and discussed, and there will be a problem clinic where help will be given on particular questions relating to youth work. The young people on the Youth Commission are particularly anxious that advisers and prospective youth advisers come to this convention.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULES

Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart,
D.D., LL.D., S.T.D.

Dec. 5—Second Sunday in Advent

A. M.—Norristown—St. Augustine
A. M.—Norristown—St. John
Evg.—Phila.—St. Barnabas, Germantown

Dec. 12—Third Sunday in Advent

A. M.—Phila.—Calvary, Germantown

Dec. 15—Wednesday

Evg.—Media—Christ Church

Dec. 19—Fourth Sunday in Advent

A. M.—Phila.—St. Peter, Germantown
P. M.—Phila.—House of Prayer
Evg.—Phila.—Zion

Dec. 26—First Sunday after Christmas

A. M.—Whitemarsh—St. Thomas
A. M.—Phila.—St. Christopher (Church of The Annunciation)
Evg.—Manayunk—St. David

Jan. 2—Second Sunday after Christmas

P. M.—Cheltenham—St. Aidan
Evg.—Phila.—Nativity, Germantown

Jan. 6—Thursday, Epiphany Day

Evg.—Phila.—St. Ambrose

Jan. 9—First Sunday after Epiphany

A. M.—Phila.—Holy Apostles
P. M.—Phila.—Ascension, Rhawnhurst
Evg.—Phila.—St. Gabriel, Feltonville

Jan. 16—Second Sunday after the Epiphany

A. M.—Phila.—St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill
Evg.—Phila.—Epiphany, Germantown

Jan. 23—Third Sunday after the Epiphany

A. M.—Phila.—Good Shepherd, Gtn.
P. M.—Phila.—St. Alban, Roxborough
Evg.—Phila.—St. Timothy, Roxborough

Jan. 30—Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

A. M.—Phila.—Trinity, Oxford
P. M.—Langhorne—St. James
Evg.—Hulmeville—Grace

Rt. Rev. Richard A. Kirchhoffer,
S.T.D., D.D., Bishop of Indianapolis

Jan. 9—First Sunday after the Epiphany

A. M.—Phila.—Atonement
P. M.—Phila.—St. George
Evg.—Morton—Atonement

Jan. 11—Tuesday

Evg.—Phila.—St. Paul, Aramingo

Jan. 12—Wednesday

Evg.—Phila.—St. George, Richmond

Jan. 13—Thursday

Evg.—Phila.—St. George, Venango

Jan. 16—Second Sunday after the Epiphany

A. M.—Upper Merion (Bridgeport) Christ Church
P. M.—Gulph Mills, Trinity
Evg.—Phila.—St. Barnabas, Kensington

Jan. 18—Tuesday

Evg.—Phila.—Calvary, Northern Liberties

Jan. 19—Wednesday

Evg.—Phila.—Christ Church, Franklinville

Jan. 23—Third Sunday after the Epiphany

A. M.—Phila.—St. Mark, Frankford
P. M.—Yardley—St. Andrew
Evg.—New Hope—St. Philip

Jan. 25—Tuesday

Evg.—Ryersford—Epiphany

Jan. 26—Wednesday

Evg.—Phila.—St. Matthew, Francisville

Jan. 27—Thursday

Evg.—Phila.—St. Augustine

Jan. 30—Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

A. M.—Phila.—St. Luke and The Epiphany
P. M.—Phila.—St. James
Evg.—Phila.—St. Barnabas, Haddington



President's Message

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." A new realization of God's Gift of His Son comes to us this Christmas as so many are being called to give those they love. Thanksgiving for His Gift will be in our hearts and loving sympathy and joy that a greater fellowship is being born in the world as we share in the Christmas Communion.

Let us each share in the Christmas cheer being provided for the diocesan institutions.

Bishop Hart's inspiring leadership is a tremendous challenge to everyone in the Diocese, and his explanation of the Post of Honor that Pennsylvania has been given in the "Great Christian Offensive" and the enlarged missionary program presented at General Convention by the Presiding Bishop, cannot fail to capture our imagination and fire us with a zeal to measure up. If you have not heard him, do make it a point to do so.

Three specific things we can concentrate on are: First, be responsible for finding what share our own parish has been given in the new program and help in every way we can to see that it is not only met but exceeded; second, remember that there is a very serious need for more workers in the missionary field at home and abroad and try to interest young people in this call to service; third, cooperate with all other groups in your parish and endeavor to find ways to help them, especially the young people.

MARGARET PACKARD.

Diocesan Evening Branch

To the many women in our Church who are now in the ranks of the employed, this message is for you. Keep in touch with the great activities of our Church in these challenging days through your Parish Evening Branch of the Auxiliary, which through diocesan officers, is keeping step with the National Council and our Presiding Bishop. If, for any reason, affiliation with your Parish Evening Branch is not feasible, set aside one evening a month, the second Wednesday, and come to the Diocesan Evening Branch meeting at Holy Trinity Parish House, 217 South 20th Street,

where supper is served at 6:30 P. M., followed by a meeting of devotional inspiration, service and information at 7:45. Do not let your employment interfere with your taking some part in the work and fellowship of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Our Diocesan Evening Branch aims to strengthen and unite the

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parish branches, thus giving the whole auxiliary more solidarity. Bishop Hart has said, "We cannot have a strong Diocese without strong, vital, loyal parishes." Support your Parish Branch! Support your Diocesan Evening Branch! Each will strengthen and support the other.

Our Christmas meeting, December 8th, will be one of great joy and gladness, for it is a service devoted to loving thoughts of others. Join with us in this beautiful fellowship!

The Mission Shop

Why is the Mission Shop important? What need is there for a Mission Shop? These are two questions that are asked frequently. The answers to these questions show that there is a definite place in the Church for it. The ambition of the Shop is to bring all the really beautiful and useful things made in our missions and institutions to the attention of the Church and the public. Many people are unaware of the fact that our missions re-teach the people their native arts and crafts in their excellent schools, as well as meet their spiritual needs. Not only do our institutions minister to the physical necessities of their inmates, but they also make them feel the dignity of being useful and of "belonging" to a community from which many of them are cut off. For this reason we include their work in our stock.

Due to war conditions, India and Puerto Rico are at present the only two distant missions from which we are able to receive goods, but we hope to make up for this lack by adding more American missions and institutions to our list of contributors. There are many whose work is not represented in the Shop and we are anxious to include them. If you hear of any please notify us.

We have lovely things and you are welcome to come and "browse" at any time!

Supply Department

Donations toward the Personal Boxes for Missionaries should be in by December 6th, as we wish to complete them before Christmas. Girls' sweaters, sizes 10 to 18 years, are needed, also baby sweaters and baby booties.

Junior Woman's Auxiliary

The Executive Board regrets to announce the resignation of Miss Julia Hill as Diocesan Chairman. Great progress was made in the five years of her leadership. She put her heart and soul into the work and always worked hand in hand with those with whom she came in contact. Mrs. Ray Phillips Shoch has been appointed Chairman to fill the unexpired term of Miss Hill. Mrs. Shoch is well qualified to fill the position as she has served as a member of the board for several years and recently has been the capable chairman for Christian Education.



WAR COMMISSION *News*

St. Stephen's Service Club Plans for Holidays

Plans are afoot for several parties in St. Stephen's Service Club to entertain our men and visiting servicemen from other countries who are stranded in Philadelphia for the holidays.

On Thanksgiving Day the Supper Committee served a turkey dinner—with fixin's. We know that turkey was available in every mess hall and deck, but at St. Stephen's turkey was served as Mom does it and the boys were made to feel at home on a day when they might have been homesick and empty of heart in spite of all anyone can do "with bread alone."

The club was decorated with cornstalks and pumpkins; branches of fragrant evergreens and bowls of late chrysanthemums enhanced the tables.

After supper there was a formal dance. A fine orchestra on the stage provided jitterbugs and advocates of the waltz with a grand evening. Ice cold punch was served by the Snack Bar Committee.

On Christmas Eve, the boys who come to the club will find a present from the Woman's Auxiliary, gaily wrapped and hilariously presented by Santa Claus in person. Community singing, carols and such

will follow. Everyone, men, hostesses and staff, are then invited to attend the eleven o'clock Choral Christmas Communion at St. Stephen's Church.

After the service the Men's Committee will cook and serve breakfast in the Service Club to those who care to stay.

On New Year's Eve, the Party Committee plans a formal dance with an opportunity to usher in the New Year with proper festive ceremony. The Snack Bar (a really marvelous institution) will serve party refreshments—you know, ice cream and home-made cake!

Decorations for these parties, Christmas tree balls, flowers, candy, nuts and favors are needed. Anyone sending in such materials should send them to Mrs. Humphrey Nelson, the Director at the Club. Checks or money should be sent to Mrs. James T. Davis, the Treasurer. It has been pointed out that were each parish to send the Service Club one dollar, there would be two hundred dollars immediately available for the holiday expenses.

Confidentially, it is going to cost all that. Orchestras and turkeys come high this year! And there is no use in planning to do something

to make our boys who are away from home as happy as circumstances permit unless we make up our minds to do it well.

BISHOP HART MEETS CHAPLAINS

Three Navy Chaplains of our Church and one British Chaplain met with Bishop Hart as his guests at luncheon at the Rittenhouse Club on the 16th of November. Lt. (j.g.) Raymond P. Black is stationed at the Naval Hospital. Lt. Comdr. Bartholomew F. Huske is Chaplain of the Naval Home in this city. Lt. Comdr. John D. Zimmerman is temporarily stationed here awaiting assignment. Chaplain Kenneth Boulton Jones, B.R.N., assigned to shore duty among British seamen along the eastern seaboard, came over from New York for this occasion.

This is one means which Bishop Hart has of keeping in touch with our Chaplains in this Naval District and to make them realize the facilities of the Diocese are available to them.

AIR CADET PRAISES CHURCH AT THE FRONT

"The Episcopal Church has done a swell job in bringing religion closer to the cadets. At Maxwell Field we had a small chapel and two ministers, one an Episcopalian and the other a Catholic. The chapel was always well filled during early communion. Each Sunday we had a large non-sectarian service in one of the post theaters. The small chapel was my favorite.

"The church, however, has provided us with Prayer Books and Bibles, and we are given open post to attend services in Arcadia. At every Air Corps station, I have noticed successful endeavors by the church (especially the Episcopal) to make us spiritually and physically happy. At Nashville the Cadets were invited to a grand feast sponsored by the Post Chaplain. In Arcadia the Cadets are always welcome to a dinner or snack at the mothers' auxiliary club."



Bishop Hart circulated among service men at a Sunday night supper at St. Stephen's

Back the Chaplains Overseas

We can all help our Chaplains abroad when we furnish the War Commission office with the very latest information concerning the men of our parishes in the armed forces. This letter recently received by Bishop Hart from Chaplain John Quincy Martin illustrates what we mean when we ask that the office of the War Commission be supplied with the fullest and latest information concerning our men.

even those who somehow don't manage, or manage not, to get to church. Of course I can well realize that maybe they've been sent and never reached the men, for I am yet to hear from some of the Calvary men to whom I have sent the Cross and Prayer Book, but none the less it's a strange commentary."

Father Martin, formerly of Calvary Church, West Philadelphia, can give a few pointers on how to as-



Chaplain John Quincy Martin holds services in his "open air" chapel

"Dear Bishop:

"By one of the strange quirks of mail service combined with our unpredictable movements, among the very small amount of mail we have received since we sailed was the brochure containing the report of the War Commission, and stranger still, since we haven't received magazines, the Journal and Canons for 1943. Both were appreciated, and I should certainly say that your commission is doing a grand job, certainly reaching far greater numbers than two rather prominent Cathedral pieces of war work I've seen since I left shore duty. It gives one courage to see this, especially after all the neglect of our men I am constantly running into. It may be that I just happen to be up against a series of such, but out of the several thousands we have had aboard, and the rather goodly number of Episcopalians I have contacted both in our crew and as passengers, I have found exactly one who had a Church War Cross. Of course I am happy to be the agency through which they receive the same, but it does seem to me that something is lacking when they get them way out here from a strange priest. They all seem delighted with them and very appreciative,

seem an improvised altar. Here is just a rough idea of how he did this aboard ship.

Four benches were used to make the "table." Candle guards were made by members of the crew out of three-inch shell casings. The vestments Father Martin is wearing were made by the Altar Guild of Calvary Church. The altar proper was supplied by the Diocesan Altar Guild. A painting on the altar was done by a priest's wife in California. Other fittings were donated by various members of Calvary Church.



WAR PRISONERS' AID

Your boy is not forgotten when he becomes a prisoner of war. His rights and privileges are protected by a special treaty, and he is cared for by two world-wide organizations, the International Red Cross and War Prisoners Aid of the World's Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations. The treaty is known as the Geneva Convention of 1929. It was signed by forty-seven nations, including all the countries now at war except Russia, and provides for the humane treatment of prisoners of war. Standards of food, clothing, shelter, sanitation, medical care, labor and other important factors, together with freedom of worship and the encouragement of constructive leisure time activities are stipulated by the Convention.

Supplementary food and clothing for war prisoners is distributed under the supervision of the International Red Cross. The Red Cross also compiles lists of prisoners and notifies prisoners' governments of their capture, facilitates correspondence between prisoners and their families and inspects camps from the standpoint of the prisoners' well-being. The American Red Cross and War Prisoners Aid of the Young Men's Christian Associations are in complete accord. It is the job of the "Y" to provide for the educational, recreational, and religious needs of the men behind barbed wire. Representatives of the World's Committee of the Y. M. C. A., an international, neutral organization with headquarters in Switzerland, make regular visits to prison camps.

It takes up to six months for parcels to reach prisoners in Europe when they are shipped from the United States. You can speed up by several months the delivery of educational, recreational and religious materials to European prisoners if you will tell them in your letters to write directly to headquarters of War Prisoners Aid of the Y. M. C. A. and state their needs. The address is:

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Y. M. C. A.
37 Quai Wilson
Geneva, Switzerland

Full information concerning the sending of mail, food and clothing to prisoners can be obtained from the Prisoners of War Information Bureau, Office of the Provost Marshal General, War Department, Washington, D. C., or from your local Red Cross Chapter.

The Surprise of Bethlehem

In Daniel's dramatic account of the assassination of Belshazzar of Babylon, the half-drunken king was warned of his fate earlier in the evening by a mysterious hand that broke up the revelry at his banquet table, appearing out of nowhere to write on the wall opposite him the ominous sentence, "Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting."

That is symbolical of one way God works: He thrusts His hand into the history of man. We see the hand of Providence everywhere in the course of world events, mysteriously guiding, intervening, overruling. God is so free and so great that He can come into His world as often as He wishes. And the Old Testament is a record of how He came into Jewish history and showed His warning hand at work.

Then once upon a time in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod the king, God came out of eternity into time to reveal to mankind not only His warning hand but His whole loving and suffering heart. Not to drunken lords and ladies but to a lowly peasant girl.

"Not to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved." That is what the birth of Jesus means—not God's hand but His whole self has come among men.

How strange that this baby born of Mary should be our God come to earth! It was such a surprise that most men could not believe that Jesus was God.

*"They were looking for a king
To slay their foes and raise them
high."*

*Thou camest a little baby thing
That made a woman cry."*

But some believed. His mother did. Love can see when other eyes are dim. The shepherds did, for angels spoke to them, and men whose ears are attuned to the Infinite have the witness in themselves. The Wise Men did; for they read the heavens and saw God's promise there. And we do at Christmas, for Christ has been born in our hearts by faith.

*"Our hearts are His shrine.
Here is He born again in lives
Made blessed by His coming."*

G. C.



Convocation News



The fall meetings of the Convocations of the Diocese were grouped together within three days this fall: October 26th, 27th and 28th, in order that all might benefit by visiting speakers brought to the Diocese for the occasions of these meetings. It was also planned that the regular meetings might be utilized as periods of preparation for the annual Every Member Canvass in the parishes and missions of the Diocese. An effort was made to have the Parish Chairman of the Canvass and the Accounting Warden in attendance at Convocation, in addition to the regular delegates.

St. Giles, Stonehurst, was host to the Convocation of Chester; All Saints', Norristown, Convocation of Norristown; St. Matthias, Convocation of Germantown; Redemption, West Philadelphia; St. George's, North Philadelphia; St. Elisabeth's, South Philadelphia.

Miss Elise Dexter, from the Diocese of Massachusetts, spoke at many of the meetings, bringing an account of the splendid part taken by the women in the meetings at Cleveland

in connection with General Convocation.

Dr. Lewis B. Franklin, Treasurer of the National Council, visited each of the Convocations, discussing the budget adopted at General Convocation, indicating the opportunities for the missionary work of the Church which the termination of the war will bring.

Bishop Hart stressed the "post of honor" given to the Diocese of Pennsylvania by the assignment of a quota larger than our exact mathematical share.

Each Convocation, in addition to the general program, was occupied during part of its session with business of a local interest. In North Philadelphia much interest was aroused in a church survey being made in two new housing projects for Negroes. In Chester, the Rev. Albert Wilcox told the "success story" of the development of the Church of the Holy Comforter, Drexel Hill. A sum of \$1200 was subscribed to be added to the Convocation Memorial Fund, in memory of Bishop Taitt. H. S. P.

Come to the Ball

"Will you come to the Ball" to welcome the New Year with all its hopes?

The Episcopal Hospital is for the first time a beneficiary of the Annual Charity Ball (this being the 64th), to be held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel on New Year's Eve. What a colorful way to bid good-bye to a year so filled with darkness. I do not need to beg you to give aid in welcoming the New Year by making it a victorious evening for the Episcopal Hospital, for always your co-operation has answered our requests.

Debutantes will make their bows at Victory Cotillion to be held as part of the Ball. Perhaps your daughter or granddaughter will be one of the charming maidens "Standing where the brook and river meet, Womanhood! and childhood fleets."

Checks drawn to the order of the Philadelphia Charity Ball, Inc., and sent to Mrs. J. Hector McNeal, 220 S. 16th Street, Philadelphia, will secure tickets at five dollars and fifty cents (tax).

The Elizabeth Price Martin League for Service prays that the New Year may be filled with happiness and peace for one and all. Do make this an Episcopal Hospital Victory.

Cordially,

BLANCHE MCNEAL,
(Mrs. J. Hector McNeal)
Chairman of Publicity.

DIOCESAN NEWS

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dence at 402 East Ridley Avenue, Ridley Park. Dr. Warden was rector of Christ Church for 15 years, and also was rector of St. John's Church, Essington.

The renovated nave of St. Barnabas' Church, Germantown, a memorial to Bishop Taitt, will be dedicated by Bishop Hart following the confirmation service on Sunday, December 5th, at 8 P. M.

Bishop Hart will institute as rector of St. Augustine's Church, Philadelphia, the Rev. William D. Turner, formerly of Petersburg, Virginia, on December 12, 1943.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS PLANS

Annual Neighborhood Conferences are in the immediate foreground now, North Philadelphia at St. Barnabas', Kensington, on November 1st; Germantown on November 16th at Trinity, Oxford, at which Rev. William H. Jefferys, Chaplain at the Episcopal Academy, made an address on "America and Her People." A recreational hour was led by Miss Charlotte Schreiber, who was in charge of recreation at the Cape May Holiday House this past summer. South Philadelphia held its Conference at Old St. Peter's, Third and Pine Streets, November 22nd.



Through the Christian Social Relations Committee the G. F. S. Christmas Projects are receiving active attention in the Branches. Guests, both men and women, at the Harrison Home will be remembered, as well as in the wards of the Hospital, and the children who must spend the Yuletide in the Hospital. Toys will be sent to children at Byberry and 100 packages for women distributed through the Elizabeth Price Martin Memorial.

Always at Christmas the Girls' Friendly Society sends knitted articles, books, food, etc., to the Seamen's Church Institute, both for the Institute itself and to be placed on ships clearing this port at the holiday time.



All Branches are working steadily in their war efforts, whether it be knitting, bandage classes, Red Cross kits, or in assisting at the various service men's centers, in working for the wounded in the hospitals, by giving blood at the Blood Donor Center, acting in conjunction with the British War Relief, particularly in the Salvage Sewing Department, and in a score of other ways doing their part to support the fighting men, being particularly proud of members who are enrolled in the WACs or the naval service.



The stated fall meeting of the G. F. S. Council was held at Holy Trinity Parish House on Saturday afternoon, October 23rd, with Mrs. C. William Spiess, Diocesan President, in the chair. Miss Lucy Petti,

Episcopal Academy Memorial Tree

The students and faculty of the Episcopal Academy celebrated Fall Arbor Day on Friday, October 22nd, by planting a white oak in memory of Bishop Taitt, honorary president

a tree in memory of a man who had done so much in his lifetime to help boys, rich and poor alike, to gain an education.

Among the visiting clergymen who



The Rev. Messrs. Long, Bomberger, Snowden and Headmaster Haslam

of the Board of Trustees of the Academy.

The ceremonies began with chapel exercises centered about the subject of nature. From chapel the students and faculty proceeded to the planting of the class of '44 tree, a bald cypress.

After this Bishop Hart, assisted by Mr. Greville Haslam, the Headmaster, planted the white oak "in honor and living memory of" Bishop Taitt. Bishop Hart made a short address, citing the appropriateness of the planting at a boys' school of

attended were Dr. Chauncey Snowden, of St. Paul's Church, Overbrook; Dr. John A. Bomberger, of the Chapel of the Mediator, Philadelphia; and Rev. Charles H. Long, Secretary to the Bishop.

The entire program was arranged by the Forestry Club of the Academy under the direction of Mr. Fred J. Doolittle, the beloved Master of the Academy, who has taught so many generations of boys not only Latin but also a love of nature and nature's God.

of St. Barnabas' Branch, Kensington, conducted a short worship service from the "At Your Service" leaflet.

Following the business session Mrs. Spiess introduced Mrs. Howard W. McComb, Chairman of the Sunday Supper Committee of St. Stephen's Service Club, who gave a fascinating report of her work in various war work activities.



We welcome into the G. F. S. diocesan organization two new Branches, one at St. Mary's Chapel of St. Mark's Church and the other at St. Stephen's Church, Bridesburg.

RETREAT ASSOCIATION PLANS

At the Diocesan Clergy Retreat a committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. A. M. Smith, Wm. T. Metz, and Stanley West, was appointed to co-operate with the Secretary of the Association in planning for future Retreats and Quiet Days.

The Committee met with Bishop Hart and, with his active support and co-operation, will issue a schedule in the near future.

The greatest need is a Retreat House and the Association hopes that such a place may soon be found.

J. J. GUENTHER,
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ORDINATION SERVICE

Bishop Hart ordained to the Diaconate, Charles B. Mauch and Elmer J. Smith, Jr., and to the Priesthood the Rev. William B. Schmidgall on November 20th at St. James Church, Kingessing.

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Origin of Delaware County Churches

At a recent meeting of the Men's Club of St. John's Church, Lansdowne, Mr. Freas B. Snyder delivered a comprehensive address on the establishment of churches of many faiths in various communities in Delaware County. Mr. Snyder is a Lay Reader, Superintendent of St. John's Sunday School, and Secretary of the Convocation of Chester.

Mr. Snyder indicates that the Swedish Lutherans were in what is now part of Delaware County before the coming of William Penn and his Quakers. The first Swedish church was built on Tinicum Island in 1646, while the Society of Friends' first record of a religious meeting in the Province of Pennsylvania was in Chester, in 1675, in a private home, but ten meeting houses were soon built in as many different locations throughout the county.

In 1700 the Rev. Mr. Evans was sent to Pennsylvania by the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts" of the Church of England. While this missionary was located in Philadelphia, he is frequently mentioned in the history of his Society as going out into the several townships which now comprise Delaware County.

St. Paul's, Chester; St. John's, Concord; St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, and St. David's, Radnor, grew out of the work of Mr. Evans. Compared to these, St. John's, Lansdowne, is quite modern. The first service of the Episcopal Church in this community was held in a second-floor room of the old Fernwood Hotel in 1881. This arrangement continued until 1888, when a frame chapel was erected. The ground for the present church in Lansdowne was bought in 1897, when the Rt. Rev. William T. Manning, D.D., now Bishop of the Diocese of New York, was Minister-in-charge, and under his ministry the mission was organized into a parish. The cornerstone for St. John's Church was laid in 1900, under the rectorship of Dr. Lyman P. Powell. The present rector is the Rev. Charles E. Tuke, D.D., who has been there more than twenty years.

The author traces the coming of Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Roman Catholics, Jews, Swedenborgians, and Seventh-Day Baptists to Delaware County communities in

consecutive order. He shows "the genesis of these churches was in private homes, in upper rooms, in warehouses, in factories, in log cabins; in humble surroundings which cause us to recall that the Son of Man was born in a stable. These people, our forebears, were exercising their God-given right to worship as they would—their first freedom."

BISHOP WHITE PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY

The 109th annual meeting of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society was held in the Church House on October 21st. The report of the Secretary, Rev. W. Arthur Warner, D.D., showed that during the past year the Society had distributed 6347 Prayer Books and 3021 Hymnals. Besides the usual grants to parishes and missions, the books have gone to the Army and Navy, Merchant Marine, Y. M. C. A. clubs, prisoners of war, Chaplaincy Service of the World Council of Churches.

RIDLEY PARK'S NEW RECTOR

The Rev. Albert O. Judd has been called by the vestry of Christ Church, Ridley Park, and has assumed his duties as Rector of that



parish, succeeding the Rev. F. A. Warden, retired.

Mr. Judd is a young man who comes of a clerical family, both his father and brother being clergymen. He was educated at State College and the General Theological Seminary and has served in the Diocese of Harrisburg and Long Island. In Long Island he has been assistant at St. Gabriel's Church, Hollis, L. I., and principal of the Woodhull Day School operated by the parish.

Mr. Judd and his family will reside at 106 Nevin Street, Ridley Park, Pa.



Calendar for December



Meetings in Church House, 202 So. 19th Street

December 1 Negro Committee, Woman's Auxiliary—10:30 A. M. Devotional Committee, Woman's Auxiliary—12:00 A. M.	December 10 Church School—by-Mail, Mailing Christmas Packages—10:00 A. M. Department of Finance—10:00 A. M. Executive Council—3:00 P. M.
December 2 Jacob's Joint Diocesan Lesson Board—10:30 A. M. Bishop White Parish Library Association—11:00 A. M.	December 13 Clerical Brotherhood—11:30 A. M. Advancement Society—3:31 P. M.
December 3 Jacob's Editorial Board—10:30 A. M.	December 15 Foreign Committee, Woman's Auxiliary—10:30 A. M. Girls' Friendly Society, Christmas Packages—4:30 P. M.
December 6 Clerical Brotherhood—11:30 A. M. Church School—by-Mail—2:00 P. M. Deans' Conference—2:00 P. M. Department of Missions—3:00 P. M. War Commission—4:00 P. M.	December 17 Christian Social Relations, Woman's Auxiliary—10:30 A. M. Church League for the Isolated—10:30 A. M.
December 7 Executive Board, Woman's Auxiliary—10:30 A. M. Standing Committee—3:30 P. M.	December 20 Clerical Brotherhood—11:30 A. M. Church School Commission—2:00 P. M. Church School Commission Executive Committee—3:00 P. M.
December 8 Domestic Committee, Woman's Auxiliary—10:30 A. M. Seaman's Church Institute Auxiliary—10:45 A. M. Department Christian Education, Woman's Auxiliary—1:30 P. M.	December 21 City Mission—4:00 P. M.
December 9 Church School—by-Mail, Mailing Christmas Packages—11:00 A. M.	December 27 Cathedral Chapter—2:00 P. M. Department Christian Social Relations—3:00 P. M.
	December 28 Weekday Religious Education—4:30 P. M.
	December 29 Indian Hope Committee, Woman's Auxiliary—10:30 A. M.

Notes from the Secretary

There is nothing more discouraging to a parish or mission than to be overburdened with a mortgage debt. It was gratifying to hear Dean Shreiner report at the meeting of the Chester Convocation that the missions within his convocation would liquidate their debts during the next five years.

Congratulations are due to the Rev. Mr. Wood, of St. Timothy, and the Rev. Mr. Coonrad for the leadership they have given to their churches in paying off their mortgages.

Through the gifts of money from the Bishop, forty-six clergy and from the laity, amounting to \$8,183.77, it was possible to give to each rector of an aided parish and to each missionary or vicar receiving the minimum salary the sum of \$150.00.

Many letters of appreciation and thanks have been received. The medium of THE CHURCH NEWS is being used to pass on to the contributors the expressed thanks of the recipients.

The Department of Missions and the Rectors' Salary and Pension Commission have voted (subject to future action) an increase of \$150 to vicars and missionaries on full time receiving the minimum salary with the earnest hope that each congregation will raise a like amount.

The appointment of vicars, chaplains and missionaries is made for one year from June 1st to May 31st. Bishop Taitt, expecting to retire on November 1st, made all appointments to expire on that date in order that Bishop Hart might feel

free to make any change he should desire. Bishop Hart has extended the appointments to May 31st. If any vicar has not received an extension of his appointment he is asked to confer with the Bishop's Secretary.

The Budget of 1943 needs more than "Expectations" paid in full if the Diocese is not to face a deficit. The Diocesan Contributors, under the leadership of Mr. Joshua Ash Pearson and Dean Shreiner, have prevented deficits in former years. A Diocesan Contributor is one who has given to his parish quota but is not satisfied that that should be considered the limit of his ability to give. Diocesan Contributors express through their gifts the hope that the Diocese may meet all commitments.

The Bishop requests that there be no special offerings or Sundays set aside for offerings for institutions in 1944. The exception to this request will be the annual Thanksgiving Day Offering for the Episcopal Hospital and the action of General Convention in designating a Theological Education Sunday and the Army and Navy Commission offering.

CHARLES H. LONG, Secretary.

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HOUSE OF THE HOLY CHILD

The House of the Holy Child, a Church institution in the Diocese, reports 285 colored children under 18 years of age under care in foster homes, which seems to indicate a busy time for the staff, finding available homes with all the attendant visiting and follow-up work.

This is an increase of some 183 children since the institution at Spring House, Pa., was closed and the children placed in foster homes, with an increased cost to us of only \$1,000. The problem of finding suitable homes is becoming increasingly difficult, owing to more and more women who might care for these children being drawn into war jobs or who find it more profitable to rent the house space to war workers, but so far it has not been necessary to refuse any child for lack of a foster home.

There is a great need for homes for babies. Formerly we referred all children under three years to the Children's Bureau but their few colored homes have long since been



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As Christmas draws near, plans are being made to emphasize Christmas in their respective homes this year with their foster families rather than by our usual entertainment. Contributions of money or gifts (not to exceed 50c) will be very greatly appreciated and may be sent to the House of the Holy Child, 311 S. Juniper Street, Philadelphia, before December 15th.

MRS. EDWARD INGERSOLL.

The Pre-Lenten Conference for the Clergy of the Diocese will be held on Monday, February 7th, at the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr.

The clergy are asked to note the change of date and save this date for the conference.

Bishop Hart will be the leader.

A NOVEL IDEA

It is not novel to buy bonds, everybody is doing it, but it is a new idea to be looking forward as far as the years 1955 and 1956 and giving bonds to a parish to provide for aggressively carrying on its work so far ahead. That is what the people of Christ Church, Media, Rev. William J. Alberts, Rector, are doing under the guidance of the Vestry, who hope to raise \$10,000 in this way to provide for necessary expansion that will no doubt follow the war. Good luck to them!

EUROPEAN EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Bishop James DeWolf Perry, of Rhode Island, who is in charge of the American churches in Europe, says that his latest reports indicate that Emmanuel, Geneva, continues a full schedule of services. Holy Trinity, Paris, has been taken over by Germans and is used by the German Evangelical Church. St. John's, Dresden, is protected and used occasionally for services conducted by a lay reader. In Munich, the chapel and library are closed, the building having been appropriated for use by the Nazi Government. St. James, Florence, and St. Paul's, Rome, were closed before the war with Italy, and no recent reports have been received from them.

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Christmas Music



By REV. NEVILLE H. CALEY

Singing has always been an expression of joy. The first song in the Bible was sung by the Children of Israel when they were delivered from bondage in Egypt. The last song in the Bible refers to the future triumph of our Blessed Lord.

Christianity came into the world singing when an angel from heaven sang over the fields of Bethlehem that glorious evangel—"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to you and all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." And once again as we plan our Christmas services the question arises as to what we shall sing to express our joy as we honor the birth of the Prince of Peace. And we must remember that the service we use is, like the other parts of the service, an oblation presented solemnly to the Most High God, and therefore must not be allowed to suffer through carelessness or indifference as to its calibre, no matter how limited our resources may be.

In many cases our resources this year are decidedly limited; plenty of sopranos, perhaps, but very few tenors or basses, making it nearly impossible to use what we would normally choose for Christmas. And yet it may be that this is a blessing in disguise. We so often hear small choirs, made up for the most part of inexperienced singers, attempting works not only that are unworthy, but are entirely too difficult for them. They have never yet learned that, even on festival occasions, real art consists in doing easy things well rather than doing pretentious things badly. So often they object to singing *Merbecke*, for example, and would rather mutilate one of these more elaborate settings, of which one can only say they deserve the fate.

Surely, it is infinitely better to sing something which is technically easy, perhaps in unison this year, and within the range of the capabilities of the choir and sing it well, than to "murder" something which is obviously beyond their reach, even though it be a standard composition of recognized merit.

Even the choir most limited in resources can sing beautiful and inspiring music, and do it in such a

way as to satisfy the most exacting of reasonable critics, without going beyond the limits of works within their compass, and without resorting to the awful trash to which we sometimes have to listen. No spiritual excellence can flourish in such a miasma as we hear inflicted on so many long-suffering congregations.

In many choirs this year unison singing may be the solution, and we lose nothing by it for this may be made most effective and inspiring if we use reasonable discretion in the choice of our selections.

Generally speaking a work sung in unison requires an interesting and well-played accompaniment written especially for it. This makes it unwise to sing in unison an ordinary harmonized chorus with the organ playing the missing alto, tenor and bass parts. The accompaniment of a unison anthem should be written especially for unison rendition.

In recent years much good unison music has been published and even large and well-trained choirs include some of it in their repertoires. So choirs which pride themselves on their efficiency need not scorn to sing such music occasionally. There was a time when all Church music was in unison, and unaccompanied as well. Any choir which cannot have a fair balance in its parts should cultivate unison singing. It is not dull, but rather satisfying to a degree which can only be realized by experience. Much of this music is both genuine and popular in the best sense, and should be welcomed by the choirmaster who takes the trouble to look for it. The difficulty is that so many times clergy and choirmasters alike take what they regard as a "practical" view of the matter. What they want to do is to provide music which affords a cheerful and attractive setting for the services and keep the Church in the public eye by special features such as "extra" music, cantatas, etc., which might lure strangers to the Church and so expose them to the action of the Gospel. And so we hear such things as *Kotzschmar's* "Te Deum in F," *Eyre's* "Service in E Flat," *Gounod's* "Nazareth" *et al ad nauseam*.

May we suggest, out of a long list of available music, a few reasonably easy settings for the Communion

Service, for Christmas or general use. For unison work—*Ponsonby* in "D," *Stanford* in "D," *Douglass' "Missa de Angelis"* or *Shaw's "Modal"* setting. And for four-part voices—*Bullock* in "C," *Littlejohn's "Missa Sancti Niniani," Noble* in "B Minor," *Ponsonby* in "D" and *Stanford* in "C."

There are also many anthems, worthy of use and of not more than medium difficulty. Among them are: "O Jesu So Sweet," "Beside Thy Cradle," and "Break Forth," by *Bach*; "Christ Is Born Today," by *Canolyn*; "Lo, How a Rose," by *Praetorius*; and "Sing This Blessed Morn" by *Timmings*.

And of course, there are any number of Christmas carols of varying classifications. They are so easily obtained that it is not necessary to list them here. A number of them are in the Hymnal which has just been published.

In closing we quote a few lines from Dr. Percy Dearmer's delightful book, "The Art of Public Worship," which apply not only to our Christmas music, but also to that which we use throughout the year: "If we are pedants we shall give the people what we imagine they ought to like; but if we are artists, we shall give them, not the idiotic melodies of the concert hall, or the vaporings of the Cathedral organist, but what they like best of all—their own true and healthy expression in song. Then, if we help them to sing, instead of hindering them, the time will soon come when the people will think how jolly it is to be in Church, and will be looking forward all the week to next Sunday's music."

Schedule of Rt. Rev. Y. Y. Tsu, Bishop of Yunnan

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

11:00 A. M.—Committee on Social Relations of the Woman's Auxiliary at the Church House.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

10:30 A. M.—Holy Trinity, Philadelphia.

4:00 P. M.—St. Paul, Overbrook.

8:00 P. M.—St. Paul, Chestnut Hill.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

11:30 A. M.—Clerical Brotherhood at the Church House.

2:00 P. M.—Woman's Auxiliary of All Hallows Church, Wyncote.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

3:00 P. M.—St. Luke, Germantown Woman's Auxiliary, at St. Luke's, Germantown.

8:00 P. M.—Church of the Redeemer, Springfield.

IN MEMORIAM

FRANCIS MARION TAITT

Whereas, on the seventeenth of July, 1943, the Episcopal Hospital, through the death of Francis Marion Taitt, suffered the loss of one who loved it well, and

Whereas, for sixty years Bishop Taitt had been closely associated with the Hospital both as an active worker and ardent supporter, first as a member of the Episcopal Hospital Mission, then as curate at St. Peter's Church, and finally as priest and Bishop of the Church for nearly fifty years, and

Whereas, through his loyal and sustained interest through these many years the Hospital has been blessed spiritually and materially; be it therefore

Resolved, that the Board of Managers of the Episcopal Hospital record upon their minutes their deep appreciation of the work done by their late President and Bishop, Francis Marion Taitt, S.T.D., LL.D., Litt.D., and their own sense of personal loss in his death; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE CHURCH NEWS.

Minute—Common Pleas Court

"At a regular session of this Court we note with genuine regret and sorrow the passing into eternity of Bishop Francis M. Taitt, the distinguished head of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania for twelve years and for nearly four decades the Rector of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church in Chester where by his dispensation and benediction we were joined in fellowship with God.

"We record his passing in particular because he served us so well

in public office, being at the time of his demise an outstanding member of our Board of Visitation, charged with the duties of caring for the unfortunates under sentence in our prisons, seeking their rehabilitation so that they might assume their rightful place in human society; indeed, he was once a member of the Board of Prison Inspectors. He assumed the duties of these offices and discharged them well and satisfactorily, not to advance himself but to help others. His great joy was in administering to those who needed him in his pastoral duties.

"We therefore direct the Clerk to make a Minute of these remarks and that a copy thereof be sent to his immediate family.

"ALBERT McDADE, Judge."

EDWARD H. ZIEGER

At a meeting of the Vestry of the Church of St. Jude and the Nativity, held on June 13th, a minute was adopted on the loss by death of Edward H. Zieger, a vestryman from 1922 until his death on June 3rd, expressing their appreciation of his faithfulness and tireless energy in the work of the parish.

JOSEPH A. CUZA, Secretary.

PRAISE TO BISHOP TSU

A postulant of the Diocese of Pennsylvania writes:

"Bishop Tsu rises in my estimation every time I meet him, a man whose advice is direct and absolutely convincing, whose zeal glows in every glance and word, who, at the same time, has the serenity and dignity of a great faith."

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The Philadelphia Federation of Churches will sponsor for the sixth year the Noon-Day Advent Service in St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street above Chestnut. These services are designed for the on-the-go business people and for those who shop in the neighborhood. They will be held Monday, November 29th, through Friday, December 24th, 1943, daily, except Saturday, from 12:30 to 12:55. Outstanding preachers from various denominations will occupy the pulpit of St. Stephen's during this Advent season.

The list of speakers follows:

NOVEMBER

Monday, 29th—The Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania.

Tuesday, 30th—Dr. W. W. Adams, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

DECEMBER

Wednesday, 1st—Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, former General Secretary, Board of Home Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Thursday, 2nd—The Rev. Norwood E. Band, Minister, Park Congregational Church.

Friday, 3rd—Dr. Russell H. Bishop, Minister, First Baptist Church of Ardmore.

Monday, 6th—Dr. Frank Prentzel, Jr., North West District Superintendent of the Methodist Church.

Tuesday, 7th—Dr. Wilson T. M. Beale, Minister, Oak Lane Presbyterian Church.

Wednesday, 8th—The Rev. Charles L. Hussey, Minister, First United Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia.

Thursday, 9th—Dr. G. Malcolm Van Dyke, First Presbyterian Church, Lansdowne.

Friday, 10th—The Rev. F. H. Clutz, Minister, Trinity Lutheran Church, Germantown.

Monday, 13th—Dr. H. H. Trotter, Minister, St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church.

Tuesday, 14th—The Rev. James E. Quinn, Minister, Logan Baptist Church.

Wednesday, 15th—The Rev. Alexander K. Smith, Minister, St. James Methodist Church, Olney.

Thursday, 16th—The Rt. Rev. David H. Sims, D.D., Bishop, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Friday, 17th—The Rev. Daniel K. Poling, Co-Minister, Baptist Temple.

Monday, 20th—The Rev. Harold R. Browne, Minister, First Christian Church.

Tuesday, 21st—Dr. Eugene M. Austin, Minister, Tioga Baptist Church.

Wednesday, 22nd—Dr. H. Lewis Cutler, Executive Secretary, National Council of Christians and Jews.

Thursday, 23rd—Dr. Emil E. Fischer, President, Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

Friday, 24th—Dr. E. A. E. Palmquist, Executive Secretary, Philadelphia Federation of Churches.

WARNING TO CLERGY

The National Council is cautioning editors of Church papers, parish, diocesan or general, about printing addresses of men in the armed services, and specific locations of military establishments.

Such publication is in violation of Government regulations, giving as it does, indication of location and movement of troops.

EVERYBODY SHOULD KNOW THIS

The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief has just received a remittance of \$1,603.19 from the Very Rev. Chester B. Emerson, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland. The gift is the loose offerings received at Cathedral services October 2nd, 3rd and 10th, during General Convention.

Total receipts of the Presiding Bishop's Fund from January 1st to October 1st, 1943, are approximately \$80,000, already twice the amount received for the entire year 1942.

CHURCH UNITY

Bishop Sherrill, just returned from the Aleutians, tells of the complete harmony among chaplains of various faiths. He confirmed a soldier, presented by a Southern Baptist Chaplain, in the Roman Catholic chapel, by invitation of the Roman Chaplain. Bishop Sherrill thinks this a fine and practical example of "Approaches to Unity."

CHILDREN

THE Children's Aid Society of Pennsylvania, incorporated 60 years ago, is one of the largest agencies caring for homeless, neglected and destitute children deprived of the care of their own parents. County offices under the direction of local committees have been established in various counties.

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A colorful patriotic service was held on Sunday, November 3rd, at St. Mark's Church, Frankford, on the occasion of the Sixth Annual Churching of the Colors, under the auspices of Frankford Post of the American Legion, of which the Rector of the Church, Rev. Edmund H. Carhart, is a member. The speaker was Lt. Col. Harry Lee Virden, Assistant to the Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Army.

Flags and standards of many organizations and nations were in the brilliant procession and were afterward massed together in the chancel. Music was furnished by the combined choirs of the parish and the brass section of the Valley Forge Band.

Colonel Virden explained the significance of the ceremony in the following words:

"The ceremony involved in the 'Churching of the Colors' goes back to days at least as long ago as those when the Crusaders took their banners to have them blessed upon the High Altar—and, having received the Sacrament of Life, themselves knelt before the same Altar and themselves received the blessing of Priest or Bishop.

"And so we still come, particularly in 'times like these,' with flags unfurled—we dip them before the

only material object before which our Colors are ever dipped—the altar. So there you have in the 'Churching of the Colors' a return to the ancient symbolism and meaning of the 'Massing of the Colors!' when we take not only a material piece of cloth fastened to a stick—but all that history and tradition written into its Red and White and Blue and offer up our prayers of thanksgiving for what they mean to us."

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